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doctor said one day: "Try a very hot bath. Sometimes thick tissue holds the fever and if we can get it to the surface, we can take care of it better." I don't know how hot the water was, but just as hot as I could bear my hands in. I put it in a tall, small top pitcher and sponged each part slowly. Even with the rapid respiration the patient seemed relieved and slept five hours, and had less delirium. I sponged twice daily for one week when temperature was reduced to 102°. Later in that year I had a case of "nerves" with pains in the lower extremities; the patient almost never slept at night. Had been told by the doctor "to use any means" I wished to, to "bring comfort" and thought of hot bathing. I used the hot water as in the first case, except on lower extremities, where a rubber sheet covered with a towel was placed under and sponge wet five and six times in order to soothe pain and induce sleep. Relief was slow in coming but in the end I think it proved to be better than drugs. I kept the bathing up for three weeks each evening at 9 o'clock and then watched for results.

AN OLD GRADUATE.

THE SUFFRAGE

DEAR EDITOR: The letters of deprecation because the resolutions approving woman suffrage were not adopted at the San Francisco convention are becoming so numerous, that some word of why they were not, why they should not be adopted, seems pertinent.

Whether woman should have equal political rights with man has nothing to do with the question. I am willing to argue that from my own point of view in the proper time and place, that place is not in the pages of a magazine published in the interests of the nursing profession, nor in a convention assembled "to strengthen the union of nursing organizations, to elevate nursing and to promote ethical standards in all the relations of the nursing profession." What can be found in that quotation from the constitution of The Nurses' Associated Alumnae to warrant a convening of that body in considering woman suffrage? That the convention refused to adopt the resolutions stands to its credit. As a rule a motion made is carried. The eloquence, oratory and ability in argument were with the affirmative: the negative was not well argued, but the instinct was true, and the vote told.

I think that matter could have been thrown out as irrelevant, as not being a matter suitable for consideration by that assembly, but we were unprepared and if it was, as it has been characterized "a hasty snap-shot verdict," the verdict was only in keeping with an irrelevant motion sprung upon us.

Baldly, flatly put, the subject of suffrage, or political equality, is none of our profession's business. We have no more call for considering it than we have for considering the Mohammedan, or any other faith. We as individuals are very different. We do have, should have, our religious faith, our political party, our opinion on suffrage, on temperance, on any and every question that thinking men and women consider; but we as members of a profession, of *our* profession!

Rightly interpreted the action of the convention is distinctly to its credit. It is no reflection on the woman suffrage movement that those resolutions were not adopted. We should think it rather absurd if the members of a medical convention adopted resolutions concerning woman suffrage; and there you are, where is the difference!

The argument that the suffrage question takes rank with social hygiene, moral prophylaxis, almshouse reform, etc., does not hold water. The first two are distinctly within the range of our profession's interests and responsibilities. The almshouse reform, like the care of the great middle class, is more of a civic, philanthropic duty than one for our profession as a whole, a duty which we have as individuals rather than as members of our profession. The matter of woman suffrage is one on which as members of our profession we should have no opinion whatever.

Hoping that a saner view of the convention's action may be taken, and that in the future advocates of any cause may give more careful consideration of its fitness before introducing it for our deliberation,

I am most sincerely

AN EASTERN DELEGATE.

HOW SHALL FUNDS BE RAISED FOR THE ALUMNÆ TREASURY?

DEAR EDITOR: Will some interested alumnus suggest how a small association may raise funds? The town is comparatively small. The hospital is supported by subscriptions and we feel that we do not want to appeal to the public in any way that would lessen the subscriptions to the hospital.

But our association is small and young and funds are necessary to carry on the work planned.

Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

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